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Applicants: David Lohr et al.
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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of candor and good faith imposed by 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and means of complying therewith according to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are called to the attention of the Examiner in connection with the above-identified patent application. U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/941,186 (pending); U.S. Patent Application Ser. Nos. 09/615,270 (pending); 09/286,545 (now

U.S. Patent No. 6,117,687 (09/11/00) 74 (abandoned) and 08/559,150 (now

U.S. Patent No. 5,792,427) are related applications of the assignee called to

the attention of the Examiner.

References C.T and D.R are photographs of respective reach-in

conditioning cabinets or chambers manufactured and sold by Forma Scientific,

respectively in 1982 and 1980. The unit shown in reference C.T was a reach-

in cabinet structure having removable HEPA filters at the top of the chamber

as shown behind the glass doors. The operator could open the doors of the

unit to remove and replace the HEPA filters. Air circulated within the chamber

by way of a blower mounted in a lower interior part of the unit such that the

air continuously circulated from top to bottom within the chamber and through

the HEPA filters. Plenums were formed, respectively, on the top of the

chamber, on the bottom of the chamber, and on the right hand side of the

chamber as viewed in the photograph. The chamber was designed to be

maintained at a temperature between 75°F and 85°F and at a relative

humidity of 50% to 80%. Reference D.R was a reach-in conditioning chamber

also designed to maintain an interior chamber temperature of 0°C - 60°C

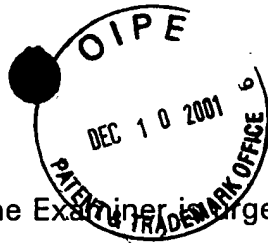
and a relative humidity of 80%. In this design, the blower was mounted in an

upper interior portion of the unit, above the chamber, and HEPA filters were

contained at the side of the unit in a plenum, as shown in the photographs of

the right side of the unit. These HEPA filters were removable and replaceable

through a side door as shown.



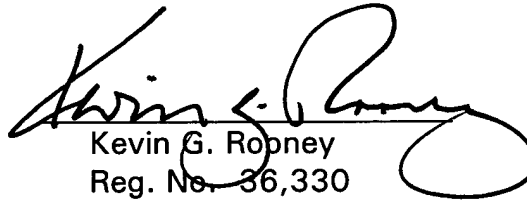
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The Examiner is charged to consider all of the cited documents and to make an independent evaluation of the teachings and materiality of each.

Applicants do not believe that any fees are due in connection with this submission. However, if such petition is due or any fees are necessary, the Commissioner may consider this to be a request for such and charge any necessary fees to deposit account 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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